

# FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT



## ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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725 North Park Avenue  
Fremont, Nebraska 68025

Chief of Police: Jeffrey J. Elliott



# CITY OF FREMONT, DODGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA



**FREMONT** is located in Dodge County in the eastern portion of the state of Nebraska along the Platte River. Fremont's population is 26,397 and has a total area of 8.85 square miles according to the 2010 census. Fremont is the county seat and the home of Midland University.

## CITY GOVERNMENT

The City Administrator's Office is responsible for the overall coordination of activities among the governmental departments. These departments include Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Library, Public Works, and City Clerk. This office also prepares the government portion of the City's annual operating budget. The Administrator reports to the City's elected officials including the Mayor and Fremont's eight member City Council and works closely with the Greater Fremont Development Corporation on economic development projects. The Administrator also serves as the Plan Administrator for the City's various pension and deferred compensation plans and negotiates union contracts with union officials.

**MAYOR**  
Scott Getzschman



## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark Legband	Ward 1	Linda McClain	Ward 1
Steve Landholm	Ward 2	Susan Jacobus	Ward 2
Michael Kuhns	Ward 3	Scott Schaller	Ward 3
John Anderson	Ward 4	Matt Bechtel	Ward 4

# FROM THE CHIEF

Every year our agency puts together this Annual Report in an attempt to show what the officers and staff of the Fremont Police Department are doing. It isn't always glamorous or exciting, but the statistics in this report paint a very good picture of the day-to-day operations of the Fremont Police Department. These "boring" statistics will help explain why the citizens of Fremont go to bed each night secure and comfortable. The men and women of the Fremont Police Department work hard every day to keep our community safe.

The officers that are highlighted in this report, and the statistics that are featured, will paint a picture of the efforts taken by the Fremont Police Department to stand by its motto of "Committed to Service Proud to Protect".

Every citizen should be proud of the efforts these officers make day in and day out to see that the community stays safe and remains a great place to live.

Jeffrey J. Elliott  
Chief of Police





# ALL ABOUT US

## MOTTO

*"Committed to Service. Proud to Protect."*

## MISSION

*Our mission is to protect lives and property, reduce fear, ensure public safety and order, defend human and constitutional rights, promote mutual respect and to serve the citizens of this community.*

## VISION

*We, the men and women of the Fremont Police Department, are committed to:*

- *Protecting the citizens of our community by bravely and unselfishly placing our lives in harm's way to champion and shield the victims of crime from those that would deprive them of their health, wellbeing, rights or property.*
- *Working with the community by creating relationships with citizens, elected officials and city departments to ensure safe homes, neighborhoods, workplaces and streets.*
- *Utilizing these community relationships as a foundation to enhance the quality of life, work toward solutions to community problems and foster a sense of peace and security for all the members of our community.*
- *Bravery, honor, integrity, open communication, accessibility, teamwork and responsiveness by all members of the Fremont Police Department.*
- *Leadership in a problem-solving approach to policing.*
- *Working toward the goal of a safe and positive work environment and community.*

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Non-Emergency 402-727-2677

Chief's Office 402-727-2687

Records 402-727-2685

Investigations 402-727-2680

# CORE VALUES

*In support of our mission, we are committed to upholding and practicing these core values:*

## **In our Personal Conduct:**

• Respect for the value of human life • Integrity, ethical behavior, and honoring the trust placed in us • Respect for the rule of law in support of liberty and justice • Respect for diversity & human dignity • Acceptance of individual responsibility and accountability • Compassion for others

## **In our Professional Endeavors:**

• Commitment to reducing or solving crime and crime related problems • Training and competence • Flexibility to adapt to changing needs • Willingness to see all sides of an issue • Individual and organizational development • Excellence and continuous improvement in the services we provide our community

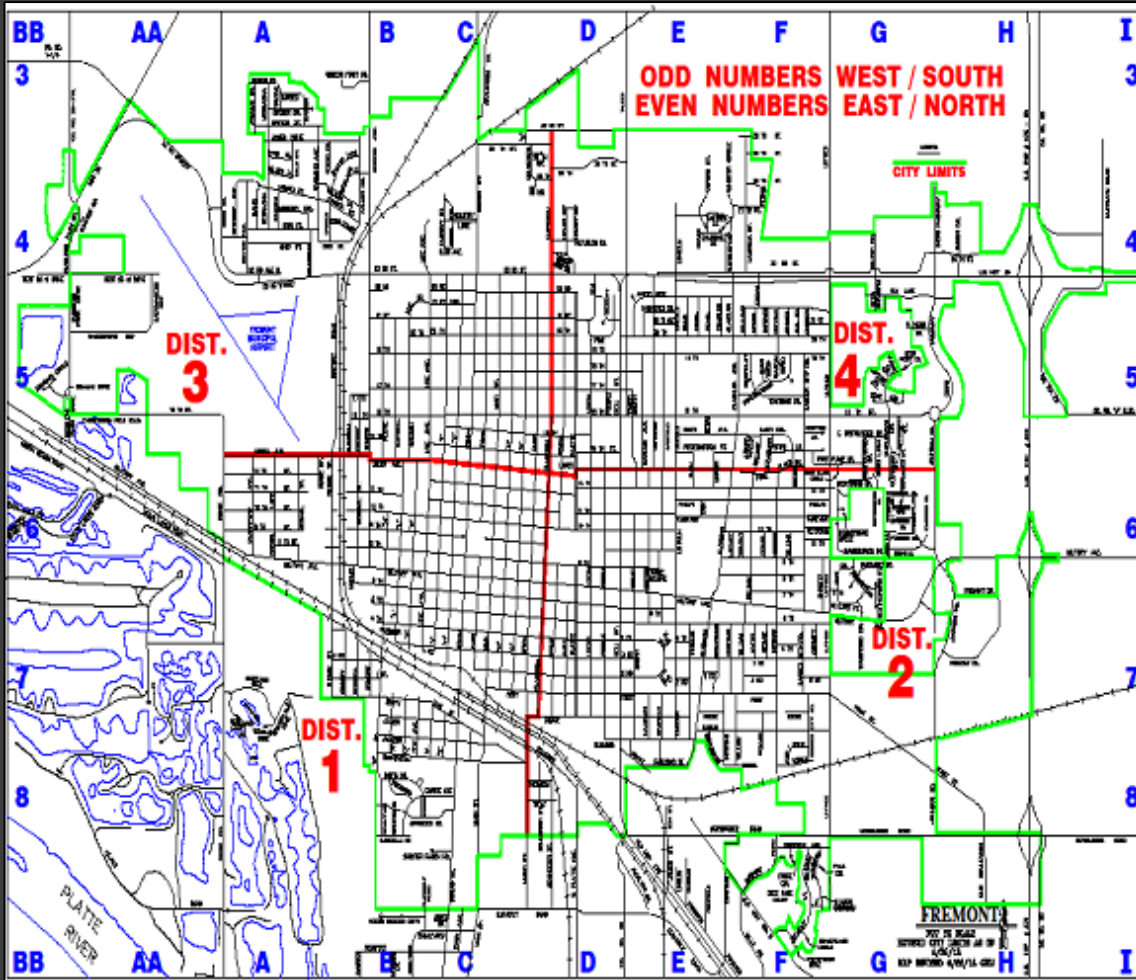
## **In our Professional Relationships:**

• Commitment to systematic problem-solving at all levels of the organization • Fortright and respectful exchange of ideas • Concern for the safety and wellbeing of all the people with whom we work • Partnerships in problem solving with our community • Equal protection for all people regardless of economic circumstances or position in our community • Stewardship of our human and financial resources



# PATROL JURISDICTION MAP

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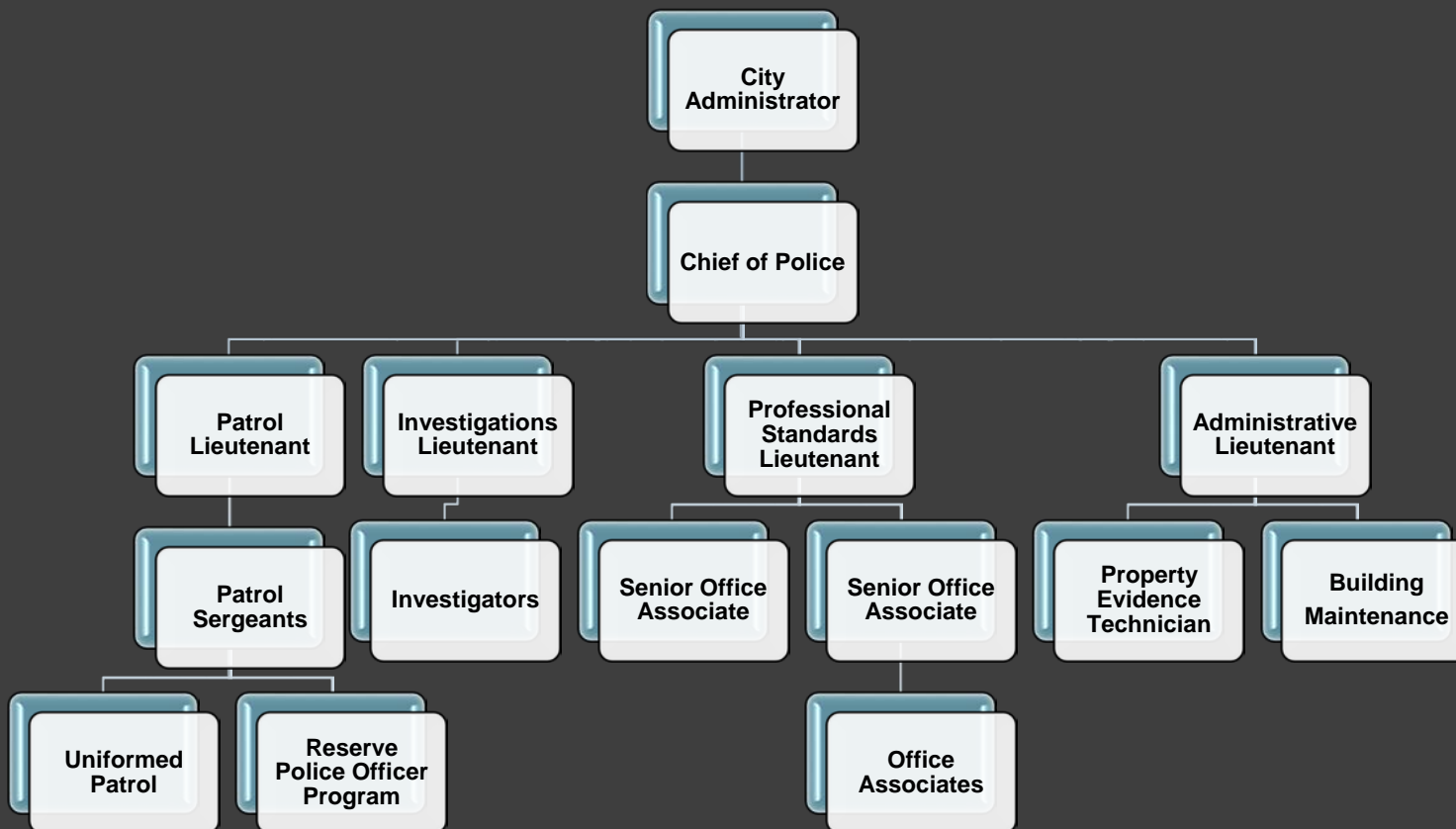
The city is divided into geographical districts with sergeants and officers assigned to each area covering all hours of the day. Officers use marked patrol cars, unmarked cars, bicycles, and foot patrol to perform their duties.



The Patrol Division is commanded by **Lieutenant Shane Wimer.**

Lieutenant Wimer manages police operations. Patrol is assigned 28 sworn officers to include 6 sergeants, 21 officers, and an SRO.

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The Fremont Police Department employs 39 sworn officers who serve a community of more than 26,000 residents spanning an area of over 8 square miles. In addition, the department employs 6 civilians who provide essential services and support.



# DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE



Chief  
Jeffrey Elliott



Lieutenant  
Glen Still



Lieutenant  
Kurt Bottorff

## Administration

3 sworn officers assigned

## Investigations

6 sworn officers assigned



Lieutenant  
Ed Watts



Detective  
Joyce Henke



Detective  
Matt Hultquist



Detective  
Aaron Howe



Detective  
Brandon Lorenson



1 sworn officer  
assigned to  
III Corps

## Patrol Division

28 sworn officers assigned



Lieutenant  
Shane Wimer



21 Patrol  
Officers



6  
Sergeants



1 School  
Resource Officer  
Billet

1 officer billet  
is currently  
being held by  
a civilian  
evidence  
technician

1 officer billet  
is vacant (to  
be hired)

# DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL



Police Chief Jeffrey "Jeff" Elliott was hired as a Fremont Police Officer in September 1989 and was assigned to the Patrol Division following his graduation from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy. Since then, Chief Elliott has ascended through the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Deputy Chief, and was promoted to Chief of Police in 2012 following the retirement of former Police Chief Mullen. Chief Elliott holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Bellevue University in Nebraska and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. During his tenure in Fremont, Chief Elliott has served as a member of the Emergency Response Unit, Emergency Response Unit Commander, Firearms Instructor, and Intoxilyzer Maintenance Officer. Chief Elliott coordinated the implementation of the current police database and records management system. Chief Elliott was instrumental in organizing the current Field Training Program and served as the coordinator of the program.

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## 2017 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Lieutenant Glen Still joined the Fremont Police Department full time as a Patrol Officer in 1986. Since then, he has been promoted to the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. Lt. Still currently serves as Administrative Services Lieutenant. During his employment, Lt. Still has served as a Motorcycle Patrol Officer and Supervisor, Accident Investigator, Property and Evidence Supervisor, Vehicle Fleet Manager, and Emergency Vehicle Operation's Instructor. Lieutenant Still is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management and a master's degree in Public Administration from Bellevue University as well as a Nationally Certified Public Manager's Certificate from the University of Nebraska Omaha. Prior to his full time employment, Lt. Still served as a Reserve Police Officer in Fremont. Prior to his employment with the Fremont Police Department, Lt. Still was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad.



**PROFESSIONAL  
STANDARDS**

Lieutenant Kurt Bottorff joined the Fremont Police Department in 1994 as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1998 and Lieutenant in 1999. He currently serves as the Professional Standards Lieutenant where he addresses the media, social media, internal affairs, General Order needs, public relations, training, translator hiring and the Internship program. During his tenure, Lieutenant Bottorff has been instrumental in developing the Field Training Program, Internship Program and our department's General Orders. He has been a Field Training Officer, Field Training Coordinator, Field Training Lieutenant and Property Officer. Lt. Bottorff implemented several community policing programs, attends community events, provides tours of our agency, gives public presentations and is very active in the community. He produces a weekly "Crimes of the Week" public service announcement and attends Neighborhood Watch meetings when requested. He has served as President of the Police Officer's Association of Nebraska and currently sits on the Governor's Racial Profiling Advisory Committee. Lt. Bottorff graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy, holds an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from NTCC, and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State College. He has received the Noon Optimist Club "Outstanding Officer" award, the MADD Hero Award for outstanding leadership and two lifesaving awards. Prior to his employment in Fremont, Lt. Bottorff was a Deputy Sheriff in Dixon County, Nebraska and a police officer in Ponca, Nebraska.

## 2017 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



**INVESTIGATIONS  
DIVISION**

Lieutenant Edward "Ed" Watts joined the Fremont Police Department in 1995 as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1999 and Lieutenant in 2010. Lt. Watts graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy, holds an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Metro Community College, and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Bellevue University. Prior to his employment with Fremont, he worked in security and loss prevention. Lt. Watts is currently assigned to the Investigations Division.



**PATROL  
DIVISION**

Lieutenant Shane Wimer joined the Fremont Police Department in 2001 and was assigned to the III Corps Drug Task Force until 2003, when he joined the Patrol Division as an officer. Lt. Wimer was then promoted to Detective in 2004. In 2006, he was promoted to Sergeant where he again took over the III Corps Drug Task Force and eventually moved to Patrol Sergeant. In 2010, Lt. Wimer was promoted to Lieutenant and put in charge of the Investigative Division. In 2012, Lt. Wimer was assigned to the Patrol Division. Lt. Wimer served on the Fremont Police Department Emergency Response Unit for 12 years where he rose to the rank of Team Commander. He is also a member of the Honor Guard. His duties also include overseeing the Field Training Program for new officers. Lt. Wimer holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a master's degree in Public Administration from UNO. He graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 2008. He currently is an Adjunct Professor at Midland University in Fremont. Prior to his employment with Fremont, Lt. Wimer was a Correctional Officer and Deputy Sheriff for Dodge County, Nebraska. He served as a Deputy for 11 years. He also served honorably as a United States Marine from 1984 to 1988.

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## 2017 SERGEANTS



**Sergeant Brad Hansen** joined the Fremont Police Department in December 1994 as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 1998, the position he currently holds. While working in Fremont, Sgt. Hansen has been a K-9 handler, an Intoxilyzer Maintenance Supervisor, a Range Instructor Supervisor and assists with computer operations. Sgt. Hansen holds an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Metropolitan Community College and is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. Sgt. Hansen is a veteran with the US Air Force, was a member of the Air Force Security Police, and was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm.



**Sergeant Kurt Pafford** joined the Fremont Police Department in 1997 as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to Sergeant in September 2014. He graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy and also holds an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Metropolitan Community College in Omaha. Sgt. Pafford has served as a Field Training Officer, a Property Officer and served in the III Corps Drug Task Force as an agent until the time he was promoted to Sergeant.



**Sergeant James (Jim) Dockerty** joined the Fremont Police Department in July 1995 as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to Sergeant in May 2015. Prior to service in Fremont, he was employed for three years as a police officer in Wayne, Nebraska and was an MP in the US Marine Corps obtaining the rank of Corporal. Sgt. Dockerty holds an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Metropolitan Community College. During his tenure with the Fremont Police Department, Sgt. Dockerty has been a member of the Emergency Response Unit, Bike Patrol, and a Field Training Officer for the department and is currently the Intoxilyzer Maintenance Supervisor.



## 2017 SERGEANTS



**Sergeant John Gieselman** joined the Fremont Police Department in 2000 as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to Sergeant in October 2015. Sgt. Gieselman graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy. Prior to his employment with the Fremont Police Department, Sgt. Gieselman worked as a police officer for the Hooper Police Department in Nebraska and as a communications officer with the Fremont Police Department. Sgt. Gieselman also served as a Field Training Officer.



**Sergeant John Brady** joined the Fremont Police Department in 2010 as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to Sergeant in October 2015. Sgt. Brady served as a Field Training Officer, Bike Patrol Coordinator, Firearms Instructor, and is a member of the Emergency Response Unit. Sgt. Brady holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Emergency Management from Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy. Prior to joining the Fremont Police Department, Officer Brady worked in Campus Security at Wayne State College.

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## 2017 INVESTIGATIONS



**Detective Matt Hultquist** joined the Fremont Police Department in 1996 as a Patrol Officer and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. He was promoted to Detective in 2000. Detective Hultquist has served the department as a Property Officer, a member of the Emergency Response Unit, and as an agent of the III Corps Drug Task Force. He currently works with the Drug Unit and is DEA and Drug Lab certified. Detective Hultquist is taking classes at University of Nebraska Omaha towards a bachelor's degree.



**Detective Aaron Howe** joined the Fremont Police Department in 2000 as a Patrol Officer and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. He was promoted to Detective in 2008, the position he currently holds. Detective Howe has an associate's degree in Business from Iowa Western Community College. Prior to joining the Fremont Police Department, Detective Howe was a licensed private investigator. While at the Fremont Police Department, Detective Howe has been a Field Training Officer, Bike Patrol Coordinator, a Property Officer, a member of the Emergency Response Unit, and is the current Crime Stoppers Coordinator.



**Detective Brandon Lorenson** joined the Fremont Police Department in June 2001 and was assigned to the Patrol Division after graduating from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. He was promoted to Detective in 2009, his current position. Detective Lorenson holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska Omaha. While in the Patrol Division, Lorenson was a member of the Bike Patrol, a Property Officer, Field Training Officer, and Field Training Coordinator. Detective Lorenson currently is a member of the Emergency Response Team and is a Taser Instructor.

## 2017 PATROL DIVISION



**Officer Roger Donscheski** joined the Fremont Police Department in 1986 and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement training Center. Officer Donscheski has been a dedicated member of the Patrol Division and has served as a Firearms Instructor since 1995. Officer Donscheski holds an associate's degree in Applied Science from Southeast Community College in Milford, Nebraska.



**Officer Howard Hanson** joined the Fremont Police Department in 1989 and has worked as a dedicated member of the Patrol Division his entire law enforcement career. Officer Hanson holds a bachelor's degree from Midland University in Fremont and is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy.



**Officer Joe Bauer** joined the Fremont Police Department in 1999 as a Patrol Officer and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. Prior to that, Officer Bauer worked part-time as a Dispatcher, Reserve Officer and Animal Control Officer for Fremont. Officer Bauer holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology with concentration in Criminal Justice from Midland University in Fremont. During his employment in Fremont, he has been a K-9 Officer, Bike Patrol Officer, and Field Training Officer. Officer Bauer is currently a Firearms Instructor including rifle certification.



**Officer James (Jim) Butts** joined the Fremont Police Department in December 1999. He is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy and has an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Western Iowa Technical School in Sioux City. Prior to joining the Fremont Police force, Officer Butts worked for 1 ½ years at Boys and Girls Home in South Sioux City, Nebraska as a case worker. He is a veteran of the US Marine Corps. As a Fremont Police Officer, Butts has served on the Bike Patrol and Emergency Response Unit. Officer Butts is a Weapons Officer and is currently assigned as a School Resource Officer.



**Officer Tyler Hancock** joined the Fremont Police Department in 2001. Prior to employment with the department, Officer Hancock was a Deputy Sheriff with Dodge County, Nebraska for three years. He is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy and holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State College in Nebraska. During his tenure with Fremont, Officer Hancock has been a member of the Emergency Response Unit and is a Firearms Instructor. Officer Hancock is a United States Army Reserve veteran.



**Officer Steven Behring** joined the Fremont Police Department in March 2008 and is assigned to the Patrol Division. Prior to Fremont, Officer Behring worked over six years as a Deputy Sheriff in Thayer and Merrick counties in Nebraska as well as over six years at the Nebraska State Penitentiary as a case worker and correctional officer. Officer Behring holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from University of Nebraska Kearney and is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Behring also served for six years in the Nebraska Army Reserves.



**Officer Anthony "Tony" Gartner** joined the Fremont Police Department in 2009 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Gartner is a 2001 graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy. Prior to his employment in Fremont, Officer Gartner worked as a police officer for two years in Osmond, Nebraska, as a Deputy Sheriff in Antelope County, Nebraska, and as a police officer in Schuyler, Nebraska. During his tenure in Fremont, Officer Gartner has served as a member of the Emergency Response Unit and as a Bike Patrol Officer.



**Officer Andrew "Drew" Hilscher** joined the Fremont Police Department in 2012 as a Patrol Officer. Prior to his employment in Fremont, he was a Deputy for the Nemaha County (Nebraska) Sheriff's Department and a Police Officer at Boy's Town Police Department. Officer Hilscher also worked for Douglas County Corrections. Officer Hilscher has attended Metropolitan Community College for Criminal Justice and Auto Body Repair. Officer Hilscher currently serves as Assistant Manager of the Warrants Unit.



**Officer Chris Achey** joined the Fremont Police Department in 2012, graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy, and is assigned to the Patrol Division. Previously, he was employed with the Provost Marshal's Office in Cherry Point, North Carolina obtaining the rank of Supervisor. Officer Achey also worked as a loss prevention officer with a major retail company. Officer Achey is a US Marine Corps veteran and served tours in Iraq and the Persian Gulf. Officer Achey was previously the K-9 handler for the department.



**Officer Chad Smith** joined the Fremont Police Department in 2013 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. In 2014 he was assigned to the III Corps Drug Task Force. Officer Smith is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy and has been an officer with other Nebraska law enforcement agencies since 1994. During those years, Officer Smith has served as a Criminal Detective, Field Training Officer, PPCT Instructor, Narcotics Investigator, and Clandestine Lab team member.



**Officer Adam Macpherson** joined the Fremont Police Department in July 2013. He was immediately assigned to Field Training and The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy. He graduated from the academy on February 21, 2014 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Macpherson holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from University of Nebraska at Kearney. Prior to Officer Macpherson's hire, he was employed by a private company that offers GPS tracking services for parole and probation offenders.



**Officer Austin Williams** joined the Fremont Police Department in July 2013. He was immediately assigned to Field Training and the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy. He graduated from the academy on February 21, 2014 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Williams holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Prior to Officer Williams' hire in Fremont, he worked as a psychological technician. Officer Williams is a current member of the Nebraska Army National Guard where he served in Afghanistan as a trainer of soldiers and police officers.





**Officer Dominic Savio** joined the Fremont Police Department in March of 2014. Officer Savio graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy in July of 2014 and is assigned to the Patrol Division. As of January 2017, Officer Savio was assigned as the K9 handler for the Patrol Division and was certified with K9 Apollo as a Narcotics Detection K9 Officer. Officer Savio also serves as a Field Training Officer for the Patrol division. Officer Savio holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Midland University. Prior to employment with the City of Fremont, Officer Savio worked for a juvenile group home facility in Fremont.



**Officer Kelly Drake** joined the Fremont Police Department in December 2014 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Drake has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in Criminal Justice and has graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. Prior to her employment with Fremont, Officer Drake worked for the Bellevue Police Department for 10 years and was assigned to several different units. She was also a dispatcher for Sarpy County Communications Dispatch Center for almost two years.



**Officer Steven Zaroban** joined the Fremont Police Department in December of 2014 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. During his employment, he has attended Accident Investigation courses and is part of Fremont's Accident Investigation Team. He graduated from the University of Phoenix with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration.



**Officer Andrew Dixon** re-joined the Fremont Police Department in December of 2014 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. He worked as a Deputy Sheriff in Lake Charles, Louisiana from March 2014 until returning to the Fremont Police Department in December of 2014. Officer Dixon holds an associate's degree from Metropolitan Community College and a bachelor's degree from Bellevue University. Officer Dixon worked from 2006-2009 for the West Point Police Department and served as a patrol officer from 2009-2014 for the Fremont Police Department.



**Officer Kelly McManigal** joined the Fremont Police Department in March 2015. He was assigned to the Patrol Division. He graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy on December 6, 2012. Prior to employment with the Fremont Police Department, Officer McManigal worked for the Tekamah Police Department assigned to the Patrol Division. Prior to employment with the Tekamah Police Department, Officer McManigal worked for the Burt County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy for approximately two years assigned to the Patrol Division. He currently holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and an associate's degree in Sociology.



**Officer Jesse Headid** joined the Fremont Police Department in December of 2015 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. He graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy in December of 2012. Prior to employment with the Fremont Police Department, Officer Headid worked at the Butler County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy and Firearms Instructor for three years. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Bellevue University in 2015.



**Officer Brianna Quandt** joined the Fremont Police Department in February of 2016. She was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Quandt graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy in July 2016. She started serving as a patrol officer with the department after finishing the FTO program in October of 2016. Officer Quandt graduated from Midland University in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in History and a Coaching Endorsement. She was Captain of the Women's Varsity Lacrosse program for three years. She then worked at the Jefferson House in Fremont for approximately two years prior to being hired with FPD. Officer Quandt was born and raised in Colorado, enjoys Fremont, and has made it her home. She is anxious to continue to learn and grow as a police officer in the City of Fremont.



**Officer Nickalaus Heidlage** joined the Fremont Police Department in March 2017. He was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Heidlage graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy in December 2017. Officer Heidlage graduated from Midland University in May 2016 with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology. Previously, Officer Heidlage worked as a Correctional Officer at the Nebraska State Penitentiary and Saunders County Jail.



**Officer Seth Howard** joined the Fremont Police Department in March of 2017. He graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Howard graduated from Fremont High School and received an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from in from Northeast Community College in Norfolk in 2013. After attending Northeast Community College, he graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Law in 2015.



**Officer Tatum Dobson** joined the Fremont Police Department in October of 2017. She graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Dobson attended Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. Officer Dobson previously worked for Cass County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff from May 2017 until October 2017.



**Officer Kodi Classen** joined the Fremont Police Department in October of 2017. Officer Classen graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy in April of 2018 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Classen holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to employment with the City of Fremont, Officer Classen worked for Omaha Public Schools as a Security Guard.

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## 2017 RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM



**Reserve Officer Kent Grisham** joined the Fremont Police Department in 1999 and received a Reserve Certification from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy. As a Reserve Officer, he has served with the Bike Patrol and as an Adopt-a-Cop at Milliken Elementary School in Fremont. Reserve Officer Grisham holds a bachelor's degree in Management and a master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Bellevue University. Prior to his service with Fremont, he was an EMT for the Sedgwick County (Kansas) Emergency Medical Service and was affiliated with Clark International Guard Force in Omaha.



**Reserve Officer Ron Giesselmann** has been a member of the Fremont Police Department since 1983. He was hired as a full time officer in 1983 and reached the rank of Patrol Sergeant before taking full-time employment as Administrator of the Masonic Home for Children. During his tenure as an officer, he served as a member of the Entry Team, Motorcycle Patrol, Field Training Officer, Property and Evidence Supervisor, and started the School Resource Officer program. Reserve Officer Giesselmann graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy, holds a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement Administration, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Reserve Officer Giesselmann has received specialized training with the US Air Force.



**Reserve Officer Sam Fischer** joined the Fremont Police Department in March 2006. He holds a Reserve Certification from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from University of Nebraska Omaha. Prior to working for the Fremont Police Department, Reserve Officer Fischer was a Reserve Deputy for the Douglas County (Nebraska) Sheriff's Department

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## 2017 PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE



**Property Evidence Technician Laura Luttig** joined the Fremont Police Department October 2016. Laura holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska Omaha. Laura is an active member of the International Association for Property and Evidence (IAPE) and the Nebraska Association for Property and Evidence (NAPE).

## 2017 ACCOUNTING - PAYROLL



**Senior Office Associate Sheri Mcardle** joined the City of Fremont Police Department in April of 1987 as a Clerk Typist II and worked her way up to her current position. Sheri previously worked in a law office for seven years as the main secretary and typing of wills, legal documents, and forms for court. Prior to her work in the attorney's office, Sheri worked as an underwriter for a major insurance company in Lincoln, Nebraska. Sheri is responsible for performing a variety of secretarial and administrative tasks in support of the Office of the Chief of Police including phone calls, appointments, purchase orders, training records and general day to day office tasks. Her major responsibility for the department is completing the payroll for all employees of the department and working with the Chief of Police regarding the department's budget.

## 2017 RECORDS DIVISION



**Senior Office Associate Alesia Hajek** joined the Fremont Police Department Records Division in 2001. She was promoted to Senior Office Associate in 2011. Prior to employment with the department, she worked for the Fremont Housing Authority as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. Alesia maintains the police records, performs various secretarial and administrative tasks for the Chief and Command Staff, is the coordinator of the police computerized Records Management System and was involved in its implementation at the department.



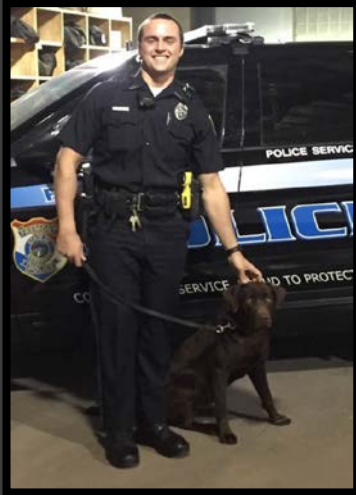
**Office Associate Kathy Boehlke** has been with the Fremont Police Department since 2004. She previously worked at PIC, Inc. for 16 years as a Customer Service Representative and attended various customer service seminars and training. She assists the detectives with secretarial tasks and transcribes reports and interviews for the detectives and officers for the County Attorney's Office. Kathy performs various clerical duties and assists with public inquiries.



**Office Associate Christine Taylor** joined Fremont Police Department Records Division in October 2016. Prior to employment with the department she worked for 18 years for CHI Health in the Psychiatric Department working with the Medical Director of Behavioral Health Services. She has also held part-time positions as a Home Health Care provider as well as provided care in local facilities since 1992. Christine performs various clerical duties, transcribes officers' reports for the County Attorney's Office, handles gun permit applications and further public inquiries.



## 2017 K-9 PROGRAM



Officer Savio and his partner K-9 Officer Apollo graduated from K-9 School at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center on 03-29-2017 in Grand Island, NE. Apollo has been trained as a drug recognition dog to alert for the presence of drugs. The team of Officers Savio and Apollo have shown results with drugs being located on traffic stops.

The K-9 Team would not be possible without the efforts of our Fremont Crimestoppers Board who provided necessary funds to obtain Apollo. The Fremont Police Department has also been blessed by other business and community leaders who support our partnership as well.



Officer Dominic Savio and K-9 Officer Apollo



Pictured: Crimestoppers Board representatives with Sgt. Gieselman (far right) and Officer Savio & K-9 Officer Apollo

## 2017 RETIREMENT



After 30 years with the Fremont Police Department , **Detective Joyce Henke** retired on December 29, 2017.

Joyce Henke joined the Fremont Police Department in 1987 as a patrol officer. In August of 1991, she was promoted to Detective. Detective Henke conducted multiple types of investigations and much of her career was spent dealing with crimes committed against people. She worked hundreds of cases involving abuse to children. Joyce received several awards and special recognition during her career as an investigator.

We thank Joyce for all of her years of service and wish her the best in her retirement!

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## 2017 DEPARTING PERSONNEL



Sergeant  
Daniel Johnson



Officer  
Justin Sanny

Not Pictured:  
Officer  
Nicholas Harvey

## 2017 SPECIAL RECOGNITION



This year, 2017, Nebraska is celebrating 150 years of Statehood. To honor this historic event, and in conjunction with National Police Week, the Fremont Police Department will be wearing commemorative Sesquicentennial badges. These badges were made possible by the Fremont Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #37. These badges will forever be a symbol of the pride and privilege each and every member shares as being part of Nebraska Law Enforcement during the State's Sesquicentennial celebration.

City of Fremont Mayor Scott Getzschman was presented with a ceremonial badge honoring Nebraska's Sesquicentennial.



Pictured left to right (back row): Chief Jeff Elliott, Detective Brandon Lorenson (FOP President), Detective Aaron Howe (FOP Vice President), Officer Tyler Hancock (who originally presented the idea of creating the commemorative badges to honor Nebraska's 150 years of Statehood.)

Pictured front row: Honorable Mayor Scott Getzschman

Dodge County Attorney Oliver Glass was presented with a ceremonial badge honoring Nebraska's Sesquicentennial.



Pictured left to right: Detective Aaron Howe (FOP Vice President), Dodge County Attorney Oliver Glass, and Detective Brandon Lorenson (FOP President).



## 2017 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On 02-22-2017 at approximately 2130 hours, Tienda Mexicana Guerrero grocery store was robbed by two heavily armed masked men with a third individual as a getaway driver. A large amount of cash was stolen from the store. Fremont Police Officers and Detectives responded to the scene and began an investigation. The officers learned that the vehicle used by these suspects was a stolen vehicle from Fremont. Officers found the vehicle abandoned approximately two blocks away from the robbery scene and that the suspects had fled in a different vehicle. These suspects were also involved in another vehicle theft on that same day where they stole a vehicle from North Bend, Nebraska.

Through the investigation, Detectives Matt Hultquist and Aaron Howe were able to determine the robbery and both stolen vehicles were related. The detectives were able to obtain video surveillance which provided leads to help identify three suspects. Once the detectives had identified the suspects they found that all three were from California. This prompted Fremont Detectives to contact police officers in California who stated they had experienced similar robberies in Tulare County, California. Tulare County authorities were able to link the three suspects from the Fremont robbery to robberies in their jurisdiction from information provided by Fremont Police Detectives.

Authorities from California came to Fremont, Nebraska in June 2017 and worked with Fremont Police Detectives and with Dodge County Sheriff's Deputies on the case and were able to further develop information on the three suspects. (See picture to the right.)



The Fremont Police Department and the Dodge County Sheriff's Office were able obtain arrest warrants for Javier Beltran Alonzo 12-12-1993 of California and Homero Palomino Ontiveros 03-25-1985 for Use of a Deadly Weapon to Commit a Felony, Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, False Imprisonment in the First Degree, Terroristic Threats, Theft by Unlawful Taking, Theft by Receiving Stolen Property, Accessory to a Felony and Aiding Consumption of a Felony, and Ulises Medina 03-31-1993 for the offenses of Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, Aiding and Abetting Theft by Unlawful Taking, Theft by Receiving Stolen Property, Aiding in the Consumption of a Felony, 3 counts Accessory to a Felony.



Pictured left to right: Chief Jeff Elliott, Detective Aaron Howe, Detective Matt Hultquist and Dodge County Sheriff's Office Deputy Craig Harbaugh.

## 2017 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at approximately 1035 a.m., a bank robbery occurred at the First State Bank and Trust at 1965 East Military Avenue in Fremont. It was reported that 4 or 5 armed individuals entered the bank and took money from the cashier drawers and bank vault. The men fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. No bank employees or customers were injured during the robbery.



**Lt. Glen Still**

A witness saw the men drive away from the area in a vehicle described as a white sport utility vehicle. A van found near the bank was determined to be one of the getaway vehicles used during the robbery. It was determined that this van had been reported stolen from Omaha days prior.

Lieutenant Glen Still was traveling on Highway 275 at the time the description of the run vehicle and suspects were broadcasted. Lt. Still noted a vehicle similar to the description given and got close enough to it to see individuals in the vehicle matched the description given of the suspects who had committed the bank robbery. Lt. Still was able to follow the vehicle outside of Fremont headed towards Omaha and he requested the assistance of the Nebraska State Patrol. When the Nebraska State Patrol tried to stop the vehicle, the vehicle fled and a high-speed pursuit began that ended at approximately 180<sup>th</sup> and Dodge Streets in Omaha. The suspects were apprehended and it was determined that these were indeed the suspects who had robbed the bank in Fremont. At that time, investigators recovered a handgun from the scene.

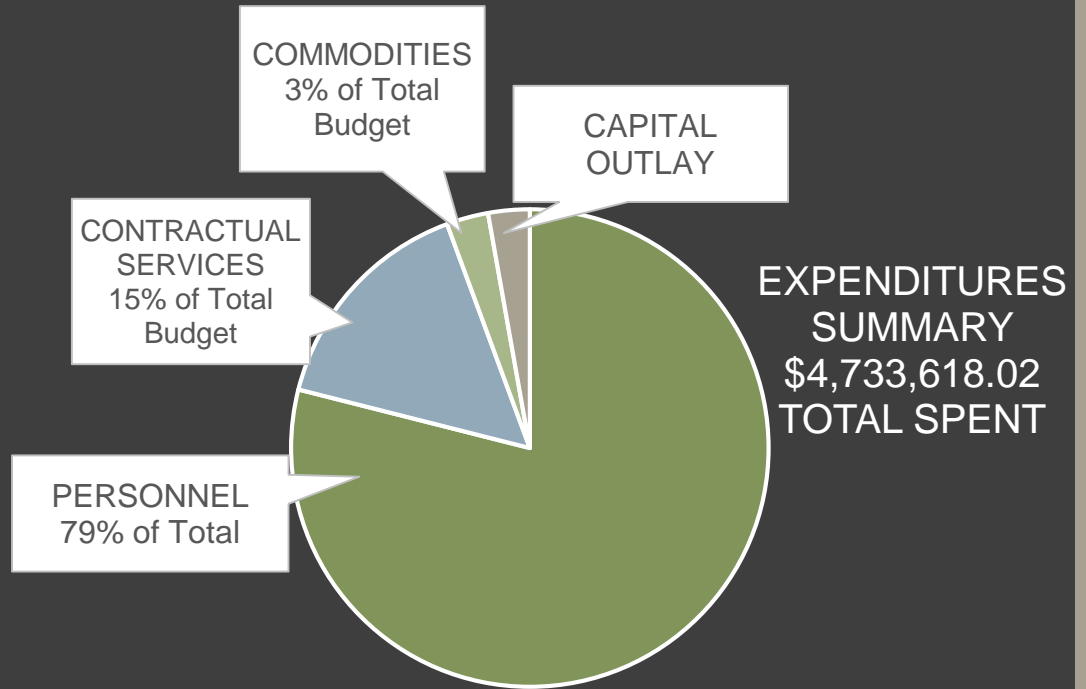
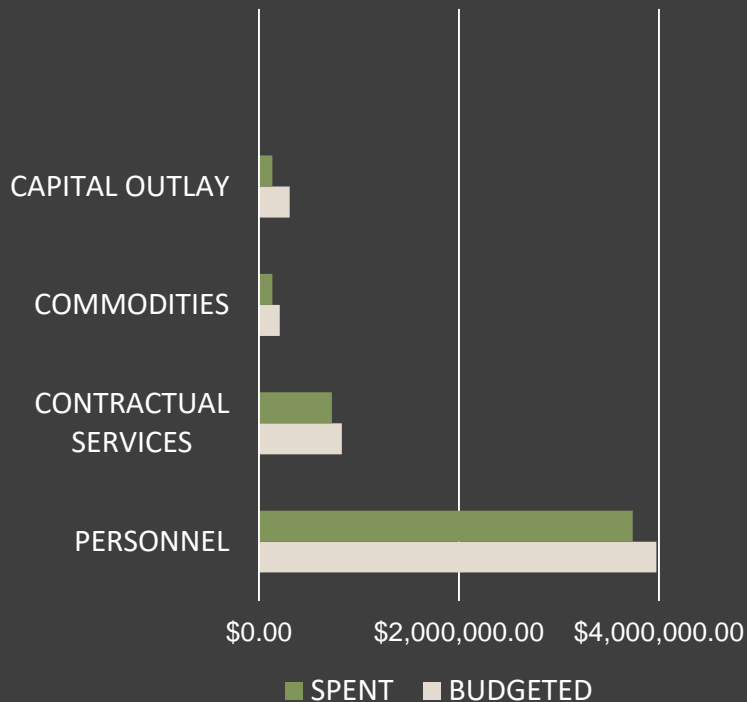
All agencies involved successfully worked together to take several dangerous individuals off the street. Special recognition is given to Lt. Still, as if not for his attention to his surroundings and his ability to formulate a plan to verify his suspicions, the suspects in the robbery may never have been caught. His actions directly led to the arrest of multiple bank robbery suspects.





# DEPARTMENT BUDGET

2016/2017 BUDGET YEAR



2016/2017 BUDGET YEAR	PERSONNEL	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	COMMODITIES	CAPITAL OUTLAY	OVERALL TOTAL
BUDGETED	\$3,817,706.00	\$809,919.00	\$205,458.00	\$270,900.00	\$5,103,983.00
SPENT	\$3,589,355.17	\$729,991.42	\$125,459.22	\$122,259.48	\$4,567,065.29
PERCENTAGE SPENT	94%	90%	61%	45%	89%

# FLEET

**Lieutenant Still** directs the operation of the department's fleet. He is responsible for acquiring, up-fitting, repairing, maintaining, and replacing all department vehicles and pieces of equipment. The Fremont Police Department vehicle fleet consists of marked and unmarked units to complete the department's duties. Most of the cruisers are marked and are used primarily in a patrol function such as responding to calls for service, motor vehicle crashes, escorts and other situations that may require the use of a marked police car. The Fremont Police Department vehicle fleet is continuing to be upgraded on a yearly basis. In 2017 we purchased two (2) new 2017 Ford Interceptor SUV's as replacements for an aging fleet. The new SUV's took the place of the last two (2) Ford Crown Victoria's that were operating as marked units. One older Ford Crown Victoria is now unmarked and was moved to administration and the other was sold at auction.



Our current fleet consists of twenty four (24) vehicles, eleven (11) marked police cruisers, including a new K9 unit. K9 "Apollo" and his handler Officer Savio are very happy with their new SUV (see pic), Six (6) cars are assigned to the Detective bureau and Ill Corps Drug Task Force, four (4) are assigned to administration, two (2) school/training cars and one (1) vehicle for the Emergency Services Unit.



In September 2017, we took delivery of our next emergency service unit from the United States Government that will replace an old city bus we are currently using. We acquired this unit through the Federal Surplus 1033 program. This program is through the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services (DLA) to help the Department of Defense (DOD) dispose of excess property through reutilization. This newer unit is commonly known as an MRAP or Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle and is a 2008 International MaxxPro truck (see pic) with an armored specialized service body. It is powered by an International DT-M9, Inline 6 cylinder diesel engine that provides up to 330HP and 950 lb. ft. of torque.



The purpose of this vehicle is to enhance our Emergency Response Unit (ESU) to respond to hostile situations, as well as provide effective assistance during disaster relief efforts. In early 2018, this unit will be painted black with Fremont Police Department markings and equipped with standard emergency equipment. So look for it in 2018!

All of the mechanics (Joel, John and Chris) at the Fremont Street Department continue to complete preventive maintenance on all of the cruisers along with all necessary repairs that may arise. We are very appreciative of their assistance in keeping our fleet in great condition!



**F.Y.I...** In the year 2017, the police department used 21,560 gallons of fuel at a total cost of \$44,715 with our average cost per gallon of \$2.07 per gallon. This is an increase from 2016 but it is still less costly than previous years.

# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

The SRO works in all Fremont Public Schools and Archbishop Bergan Schools. There are a total of 14 schools the SRO assists. The SRO assists by providing mentoring and informal counseling to students and provides security and investigative expertise to the school system.

The SRO is responsible for the following:

- Investigates crimes that occur on school property. All types of crimes that occur within the city also occur within the schools. A few examples of crimes that occur include drug crimes, weapons, assaults, thefts, criminal mischief, parking complaints and gang identification.
- The SRO program has built good rapport and relationships with the students, staff and parents. Students come to speak with the SRO, sometimes on a daily basis, just to tell the SRO how their day is going.
- The SRO works closely with the School Truancy Officer, the Probation Office, the Dodge County Attorney's Office, and the Juvenile Diversion Program.
- The SRO plays an important role in the Crime Stoppers program in the public school system. The Crime Stoppers program has been very successful because students know they can remain anonymous.
- The SRO also conducts classroom/school visits where talks are given. These talks consist of educating students about drug and alcohol abuse, making proper choices in life, internet safety, and just general question and answer sessions.



SRO Officer Jim Butts

SRO Officer Jesse Headid

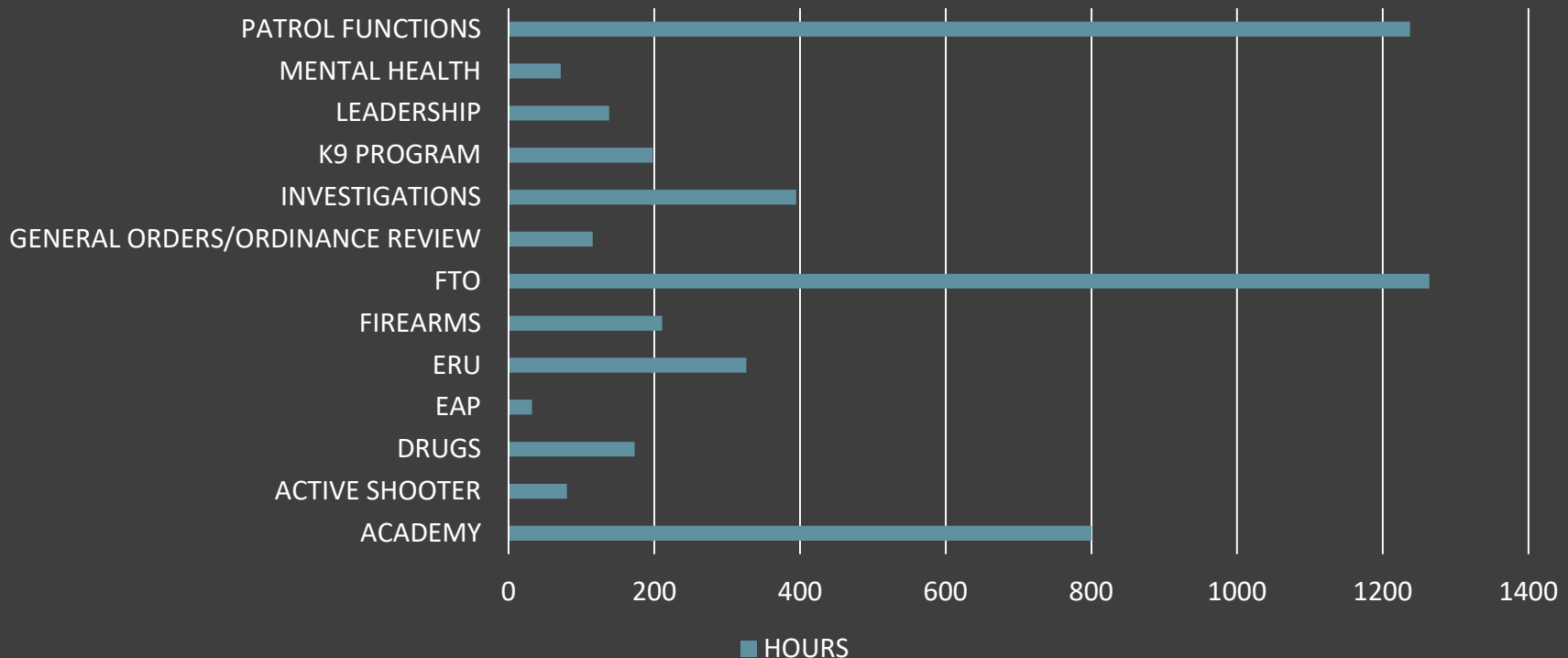


# TRAINING / EDUCATION

Lieutenant Bottorff directs the training program for the Fremont Police Department. Proper training of law enforcement officers has become an even more vital part of police agencies across the country. Officers are facing more serious issues than ever before and their survival depends on being properly trained. Our agency provides mandatory, optional and officer requested training to all certified officers. Training from instructors within our agency is utilized as much as possible to keep cost down so that more training can be offered. The end result is that each officer is better prepared to face those serious issues both professionally and safely.



2017 Training Hours = 5,041.50





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The Fremont Police Department's Internship Program continues to be very successful for those college students who participate in it. The program is supervised by **Lieutenant Bottorff** and allows the students to spend time in each division of our agency. In the end, they are able to get a better understanding of law enforcement while building a professional network. Several of the past Interns have went on to be hired as law enforcement or probation officers and have credited the internship for their success.



Intern Mariana Ramirez

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# C O M M U N I T Y

**Community Policing** plays a vital role in law enforcement today. It creates problem solving and builds solid public relations so that partnerships can be formed. The Fremont Police Department strives to promote these partnerships with businesses, government, community, the media, and law enforcement through positive interactions and Community Policing programs. These efforts result in the exchange of ideas and problem solving techniques between the community and law enforcement to better serve the community. Our strategy continues to be using community policing between the community and law enforcement to sustain lower crime rates and maintain the quality of life our citizens are entitled to.



# P O L I C I N G



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Text CRIMES (274637) with the keyword FPDCRIME; call Crime Stoppers at 402-727-4002; or submit a tip from our Facebook page. Tipsters can remain anonymous.





# NATIONAL

# NIGHT OUT



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NIGHT OUT  
August 4,  
2017  
JOHN C.  
FREMONT  
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# HOLIDAY CASH GIVE-AWAY



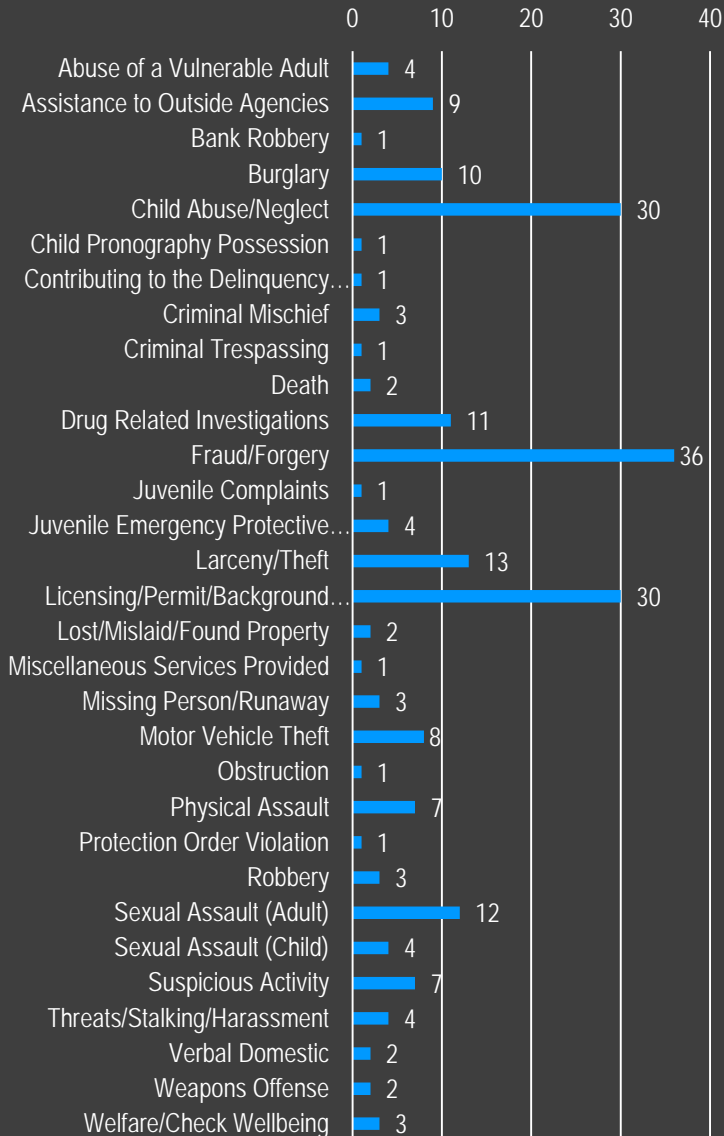
## HOLIDAY TRAFFIC STOPS

A private donor and the police department collaborate to spread holiday cheer and facilitate positive relationships between officers and the public.





# INVESTIGATIONS



## 217 CASES in 2017

### DISPOSITIONS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS

70 UNFOUNDED: An investigation was conducted and there was no evidence a crime was committed.

36 CLEARED: An arrest was made or a citation was issued.

15 CLEARED: Juvenile Emergency Protective Custody

83 INACTIVE: The investigation is exhausted with little/no hope of solving the case or the nature of the case is such that the case couldn't reach a status such as cleared. (For example: A welfare check.)

13 ACTIVE: The investigation is ongoing and the detective is still working the case.



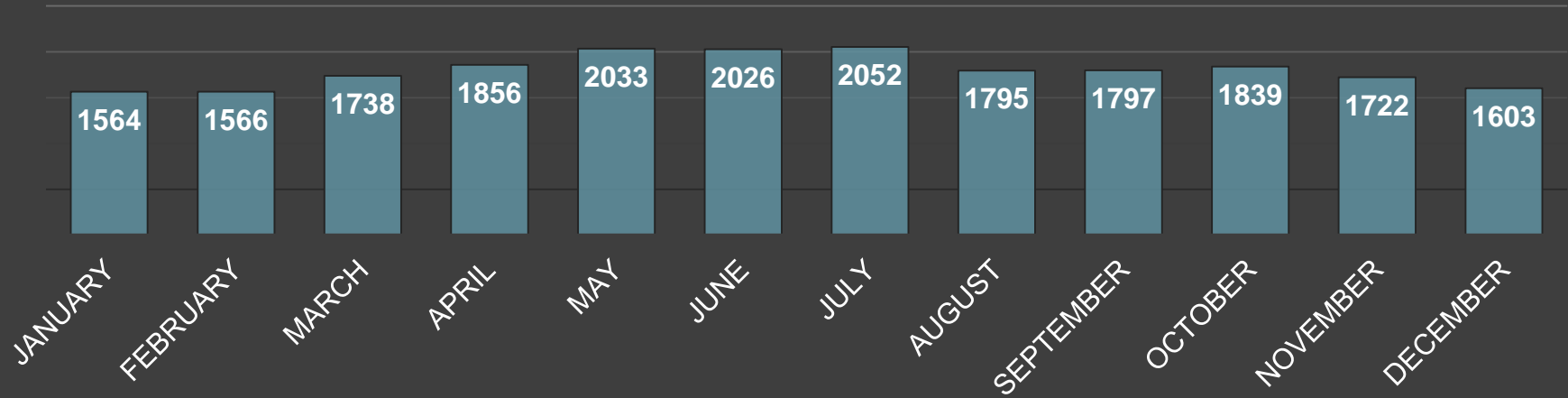
The Investigations Division is commanded by **Lieutenant Ed Watts**. The division is responsible for the investigation of significant cases involving a special subject matter, jurisdictional implications and cases that are more complicated and often more time consuming. The Investigations Unit is also responsible for the collection and preservation of evidence. Normally, the detectives will become involved with an investigation after the initial response of the Uniformed Patrol Division. They are also responsible for conducting background investigations for any person applying for a solicitation permit or liquor license within the boundaries of Fremont.

Examples of significant cases involving a special subject matter include, but are not limited to:

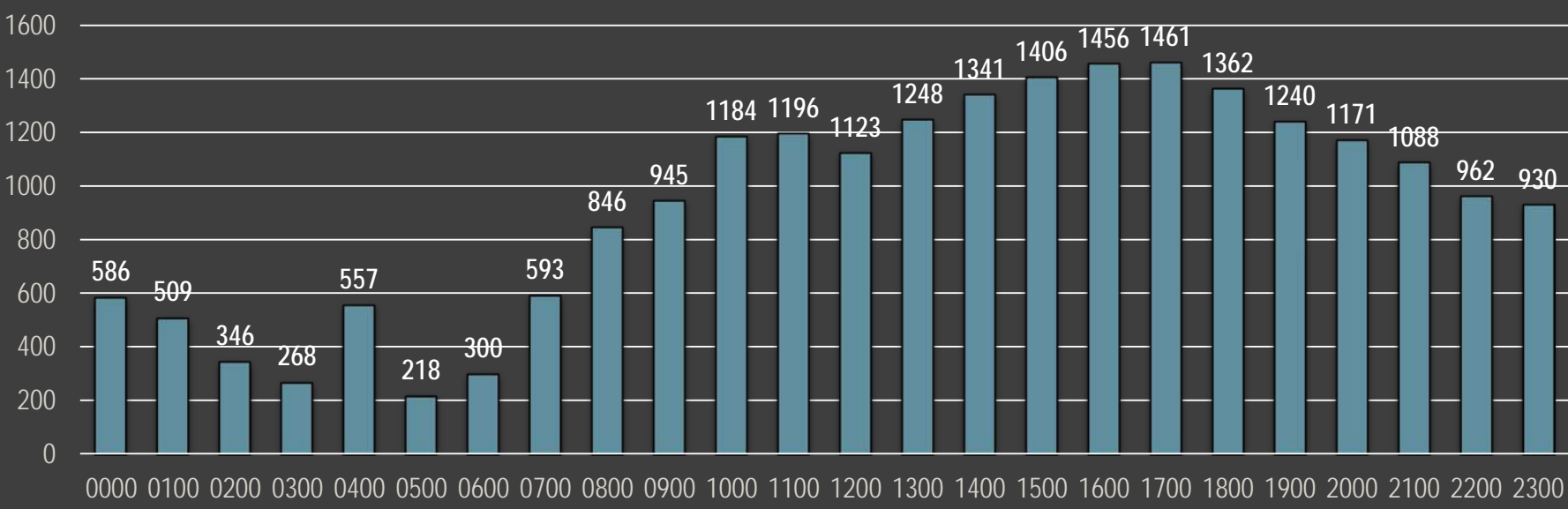
- property crimes such as burglary, fraud and forgeries,
- physical and sexual assault, child abuse and neglect,
- death investigations with unusual or suspicious circumstances.

2017 CALLS FOR SERVICE - 21,591  
INCIDENT REPORTS GENERATED – 4,348

2017 CALLS BY MONTH

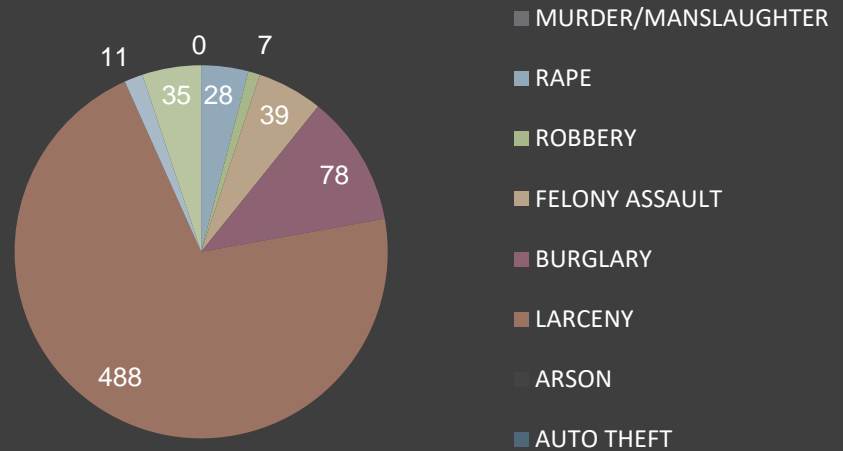


CALLS BY TIME OF DAY



# 2017 CRIME STATISTICS

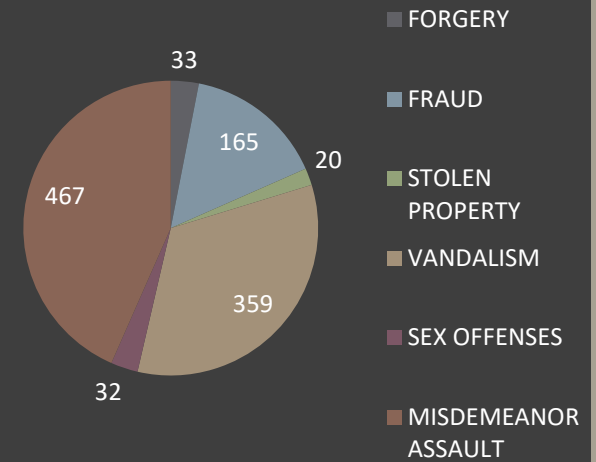
## PART I OFFENSES 2017



OFFENSES PART I OFFENSES				2015	2016	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	2017	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
MURDER/MANSLAUGHTER				1	0	0.0%	0	100.0%
RAPE				35	28	118.8%	27	-3.6%
ROBBERY				5	7	400.0%	8	14.3%
FELONY ASSAULT				53	39	43.2%	34	-12.8%
BURGLARY				83	78	-9.8%	84	7.7%
LARCENY	2015	2016	2017	446	488	-19.8%	513	5.1%
Larceny/Pocket Picking	0	0	3					
Larceny/Shoplifting	104	96	71					
Larceny/From Building	52	66	56					
Larceny/From Coin Op. Machine	1	0	1					
Larceny/From Motor Vehicle	93	90	154					
Larceny/Motor Vehicle Parts/Acc.	15	29	22					
Larceny/Unlawful Taking	181	207	206					
ARSON				2	11	100.0%	5	-54.5%
AUTO THEFT				26	35	-36.6%	46	31.4%
TOTAL				651	686	-12.5%	717	4.5%



PART II OFFENSES	2015	2016	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	2017	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
FORGERY	42	28	-33.3%	33	17.9%
FRAUD	113	139	23.0%	165	18.7%
STOLEN PROPERTY (Possession/Recovered)	16	10	-37.5%	20	100.0%
VANDALISM	336	329	-2.1%	359	9.1%
SEX OFFENSES	46	36	-21.7%	32	-11.1%
MISDEMEANOR ASSAULT	467	433	-7.3%	467	7.9%
TOTAL	1,020	975	-4.4%	1,076	10.4%



OTHER SELECTED OFFENSES / INCIDENTS	2015	2016	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	2017	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
FAMILY OFFENSES INVESTIGATIONS	669	731	9.3%	786	7.5%
DRUG OFFENSES	457	520	13.8%	555	6.7%
MIP	64	45	-29.7%	56	24.4%
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	122	105	-13.9%	98	-6.7%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBING THE PEACE	201	245	21.9%	221	-9.8%
WEAPON LAW VIOLATION	51	26	-49.0%	31	19.2%
LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT	127	138	8.7%	171	23.9%
CRIMINAL TRESPASSING	65	87	33.8%	77	-11.5%
EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	90	72	-20.0%	70	-2.8%
WELFARE CHECK	337	377	11.9%	343	-9.0%
LIQUOR VIOLATIONS	92	64	-30.4%	56	-12.5%
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	90	69	-23.3%	94	36.2%
ALL OTHER	575	568	-1.2%	628	10.6%
	2,940	3,047	3.6%	3,186	4.6%

# GUN PERMITS

Pursuant to Nebraska Statute 69-2403 a firearm purchase certificate is required to purchase, lease, rent, or receive a handgun. The law applies to both retail and private party transactions. The law also prohibits selling, leasing, renting, or transferring a handgun to a person who does not possess a handgun certificate. A certificate is not required if:

- The person acquiring the handgun is a licensed firearms dealer;
- The handgun is an antique;
- The person acquiring the handgun is authorized to do so on behalf of a law enforcement agency;
- The transfer is temporary and the transferee remains within (a) in the line of sight of the transferor or (b) within the premises of an established shooting facility; or
- The transfer is between a person and his or her spouse, sibling, parent, child, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or grandparent.



## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AT TIME OF APPLICATION

- Current Nebraska operator's license, Nebraska state ID card, or a Military ID card. The ID must have your correct legal name. The address on your Nebraska ID must be a current residential address and match the address on the application. If your only form of ID is a Military ID card, you must also provide two forms of proof of City of Fremont residency (i.e. utility bill, vehicle registration, pay stub, etc.) with your current address. The Fremont Police Department will not accept applications or issue purchase permits to applicants with only a post office box.
- Application fee of \$5.00.
- Applicants born on a United States military base outside the U.S. must provide their birth certificate.
- Applicants born outside the U.S. must also provide a copy of their citizenship papers, U.S. Passport, or alien resident card.

## AGE AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

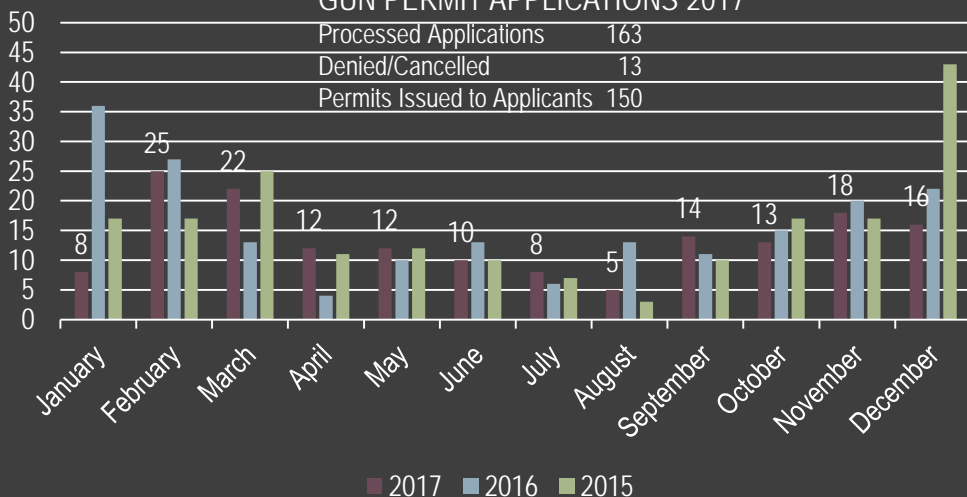
To obtain a handgun certificate from our office you must be at least 21 years old and a current resident living within the city limits of the City of Fremont.

## RE-APPLICATION UPON EXPIRATION

Certificates are valid, statewide, for three years at which time applicants must re-apply for a certificate. All documentation above is required at the time of application regardless of whether a certificate has been issued to applicants in the past.

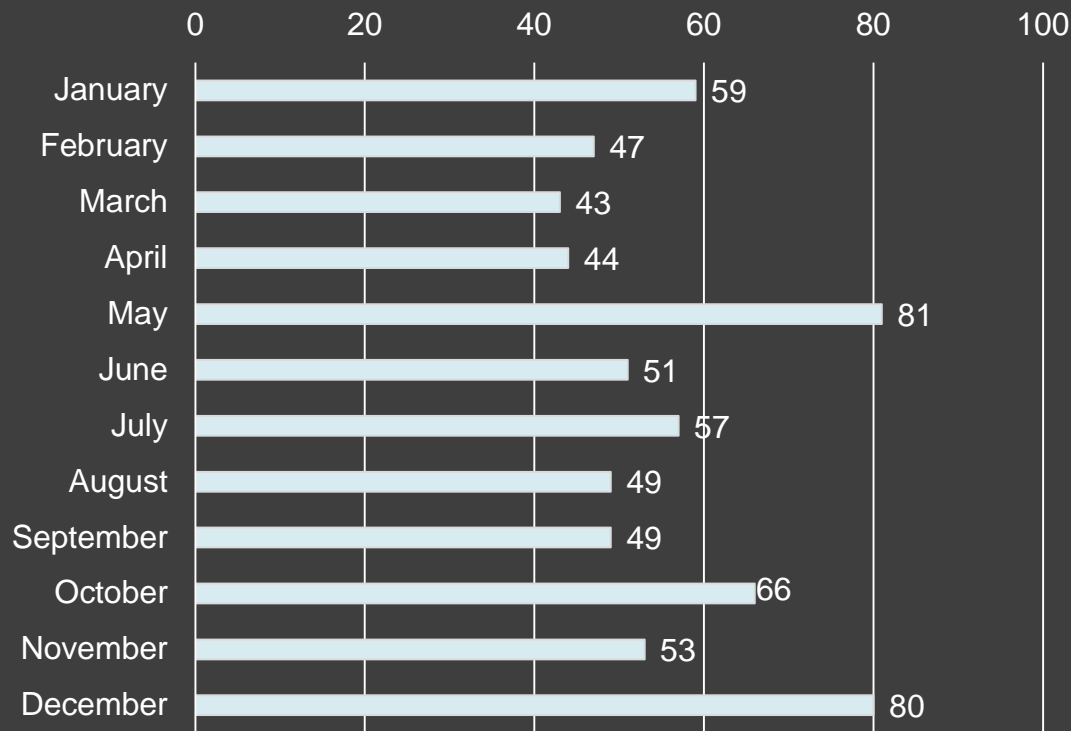
**WHERE AND HOW TO APPLY:** Applicants may apply in person at the Fremont Police Department Records Bureau counter, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## GUN PERMIT APPLICATIONS 2017

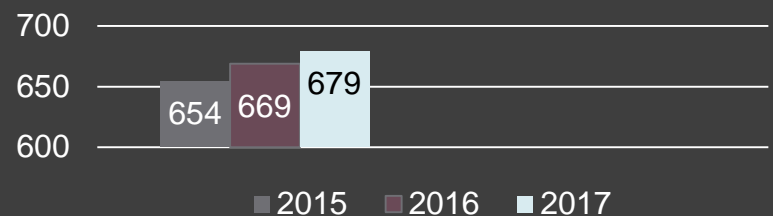


# MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS

## Accident Reports 2017 BY MONTH



## Total Accident Reports BY YEAR



# WARRANTS SERVED

Fremont Police Department

TOTAL CAPTURES: 223  
TOTAL WARRANTS CLEARED: 263

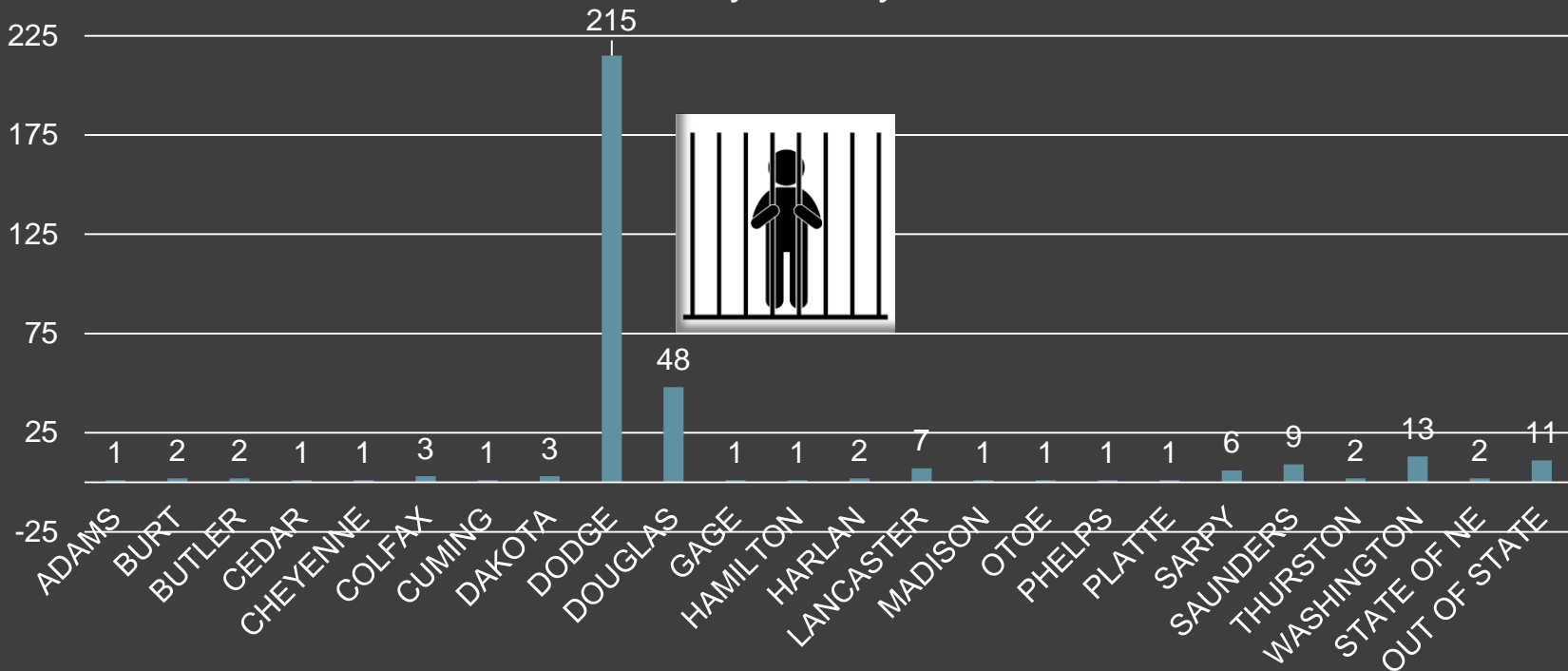


WARRANT OFFICER  
OF THE YEAR 2017

Officer Howard Hanson

41 Captures 44 Cleared

2017 Warrants Cleared  
by County





# NOTABLE EVENTS



**In February 2017**, a business in the 300 block of North D Street reported an armed robbery with cash being taken. The business was robbed by two heavily armed, masked men with a third individual as a getaway driver. A large amount of money was stolen from the business. Fremont Police Department Detectives investigated the robbery and were able to identify three suspects involved. Fremont Detectives worked in conjunction with several law enforcement agencies in California as well as the Dodge County Sheriff's Office..

**In March 2017**, the Fremont Police Department responded to a single vehicle traffic crash in the 900 block of North Clarkson Street. A vehicle was southbound on Clarkson Street, ran up and over the curb, striking mailboxes, small trees and eventually striking a large tree before coming to rest. The driver of the vehicle was transported by Fremont Fire Department to Fremont Health Hospital and later transferred to a hospital in Omaha where he later died.

**In May 2017**, to honor the historic event of Nebraska celebrating 150 years of Statehood, and in conjunction with National Police Week, the Fremont Police Department began wearing commemorative Sesquicentennial badges. Officers are wearing the specifically designed badges and continued through the 2017 year. These badges were made possible through a contribution by the Fremont Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 37. These badges will forever be a symbol of the pride and privilege each and every member shares in being part of Nebraska Law Enforcement during the State's Sesquicentennial celebration.



**May 22 – June 4, 2017**, the Fremont Police Department applied for and received a grant from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for overtime traffic enforcement in conjunction with the nationwide "Click it or Ticket" mobilization involving agencies across the State of Nebraska. Our department provided nine officers and worked a total of 104 overtime hours during the grant period. Those statistics are as follows: 93 Citations for Speeding, 2 Reckless Driving Citations, 2 Arrests for DWI, 7 Driving Under Suspension Citations, 17 Citations for No Proof of Insurance, 4 Felony Arrests, 9 Fugitives Apprehended, 1 Minor in Possession of Alcohol Citation, 3 Open Container of Alcohol Citations, 13 Safety Belt Citations, 1 Child Passenger Safety Restraint Citation, 152 total citations issued and 388 total vehicles contacted.

# NOTABLE EVENTS



On June 1, 2017, Fremont/Dodge County 911 announced that it will begin accepting Text-to-9-1-1 service for its territory - Dodge County, Nebraska. Wireless customers can now send a text (up to 140 characters) to 9-1-1 in an emergency. Text to 9-1-1 should only be used in an emergency situation, when placing a call is not possible. For instance, if the caller is deaf, hard-of-hearing, speech impaired, or when speaking out loud would put the caller in danger. Call when you can, Text if you can't.



*"A voice call should always be made if possible. However, there are certain situations and circumstances that may prevent a person from making a voice call. We are excited to be able to provide this service to those in our community that need it." Shelly Holzerland, 911 Director Fremont/Dodge County Communications.*

In September 2017, Fremont Police were dispatched to a noise complaint at a residence in the 200 block of W 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Fremont Police discovered drug equipment in the residence and III Corps Drug Task Force was contacted. The Drug Task Force assisted in obtaining a search warrant for the residence which was later executed. The search resulted in multiple items of narcotics and drug equipment being located. The investigation resulted in the arrest of 6 individuals for various charges including Possession of Controlled Substances, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, False Reporting, Criminal Impersonation, Obstruction and Outstanding Warrants.

In September 2017, Fremont Police responded to an armed robbery complaint at Casey's General Store 401 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Preliminary investigation determined a male, who appeared to be armed with a handgun and wearing a mask, entered the store and committed a robbery. During the incident a customer was threatened and the suspect fled the store on foot with cash. The Fremont Patrol Division and Fremont Detective Howe continued the investigation. They were able to locate a suspect who was later charged and jailed. The gun used in the incident was determined to be an airsoft gun. The 20-year old individual of Fremont was charged with Robbery, Class II Felony; False Imprisonment, Class IIIA Felony; Terroristic Threats, Class IIIA Felony; and Use of a Weapon to Commit a Felony, a Class II Felony.

# NOTABLE EVENTS



**In October 2017**, the III Corps Drug Task Force conducted an investigation regarding the distribution of controlled substance, marijuana. Investigators with the Drug Task Force set up a location for a drug transaction to occur with two individuals from the Omaha area. Law Enforcement made contact with the two individuals from Omaha at a location in Fremont. A strong odor of raw marijuana was detected emitting from the vehicle and a search of the vehicle revealed approximately a half pound of marijuana and cocaine. The two individuals involved were arrested for Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Controlled Substance (cocaine).

**On October 4, 2017**, Officer Steven Behring, Officer Joe Bauer, Detective Aaron Howe, Sgt. Kurt Pafford, Lt. Ed Watts and Lt. Shane Wimer all responded to a suicidal man that had barricaded himself in an apartment at Gifford Towers. The report was that the man had taken pills and was drinking a large quantity of alcohol in an attempt to kill himself. After the initial officers arrived, the man stated that he had rigged his apartment with explosives and that if anyone entered his apartment the explosives would automatically trigger. All of the above officers worked together to evacuate the building and to negotiate with the subject. The officers were able to rescue the man and safely remove him from the apartment building. Ultimately, there were no explosives in the apartment.

**In November 2017**, a bank robbery occurred at the First State Bank and Trust located at 1965 East Military Avenue in Fremont. It was reported that 4 to 5 armed individuals entered the bank and took money from the cashier drawers and bank vault. The men fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. No bank employees or customers were injured during the robbery. A witness saw the men drive away from the area in a vehicle and that vehicle description was dispatched. A Lieutenant with the Fremont Police Department saw a vehicle matching that description and occupied by at least 3 individuals driving south on Highway 275 towards Omaha. He followed the vehicle into Omaha and requested the assistance of the Nebraska State Patrol. After a brief pursuit, the vehicle was located at approximately 180<sup>th</sup> and Dodge Streets in Omaha. Investigators recovered a handgun from the scene. The suspects were apprehended. All three men arrested faced charges of Robbery, Use of a Weapon to Commit a Felony, Possession of Stolen Property and Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Prohibited Person.



A getaway vehicle left in Fremont by suspects was located by officers. This vehicle had originally been reported stolen from Omaha days prior.

# COMMUNITY



Thank You!

# SUPPORT



# COMMUNITY



**DOING THE MOST GOOD Happy National Donut Day!**

The Salvation Army in Chicago celebrated the 100th anniversary of National Donut Day in 2018 to help those in need during the Great Depression and to commemorate the work of the "Donut Ladies" who served donuts to soldiers during World War I.

In 1917, The Salvation Army began a mission to provide spiritual and emotional support for U.S. soldiers fighting in France during World War I. About 100 volunteers traveled overseas and set up small booths located near the front lines where they could give soldiers coffee, cigarettes and, of course, baked goods.

Despite discovering that serving baked goods would be difficult considering the conditions of the heat and the limited resources available, Miss Margaret Hughes and Adjutant Helen Parvian - began trying donuts in a small fry pan. These early brown-buttered donuts were the forerunners of today's donuts.

Nicknamed "Donut Ladies," the women who served donuts to troops are often credited with popularizing the donut in the United States when the troops returned home.

The donut now serves as a symbol of the comfort that The Salvation Army provides to those in need through its many social service programs. The Salvation Army still serves donuts, in addition to warm meals and beverages, to those in need during times of disaster.

National Donut Day occurs on the first Friday of June. This year marks one hundred years since the work of the original Donut Ladies. On Friday, June 2, troops around the country will participate in the day by giving away free donuts and supporting The Salvation Army. Supporters are encouraged to share a picture of themselves enjoying a donut using #GivingDonuts.

The Salvation Army - Fremont Corps has been "Doing the Most Good" in the Fremont Community since 1986, serving as a source of hope for the community. Our mission is to serve, our message is to love, and our hope is to reach to and build up our community.

You're Salvation Army Corps:

- Provides after-school and summer programs for youth - providing a safe place to learn, grow, and play
- Provides Emergency Disaster Services, responding to fire, flood, and tornado across the Midwest
- Provides nutritious food to the community through our food pantry, Senior's Lunch Program, Christmas hampers, and more.
- Keeps the heat on in cold winter months for families struggling to pay their utility bills
- Helps address and prevent human trafficking in Nebraska
- Provides for basic needs of the Fremont community with hope, healing, and compassion

Learn more about The Salvation Army - Fremont Corps at [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)

on behalf of the Salvation Army in Fremont, NE  
*Thanks for all of your support!  
 Release your hearts, love, kindness* *K. Schumann*



Thank You!

# SUPPORT

# PERSONNEL 2017

## **Date of Hire**

### **Chief of Police**

Jeffrey Elliott 09-01-1989

### **Lieutenants**

Glen Still 07-09-1986

Kurt Bottorff 03-21-1994

Ed Watts 08-08-1995

Shane Wimer 06-11-2001

### **Sergeants**

Bradley Hansen 12-19-1994

Kurt Pafford 06-09-1997

Jim Dockerty 07-19-1995

John Gieselman 08-29-2000

John Brady 04-13-2010

### **Detectives**

Matt Hultquist 03-18-1996

Aaron Howe 06-05-2000

Brandon Lorenson 06-11-2001

### **Patrol Officers**

Roger Donscheski 12-01-1986

Howard Hanson 01-10-1989

Joe Bauer 08-15-1999

Jim Butts (SRO) 12-20-1999

Tyler Hancock 06-11-2001

Steven Behring 03-31-2008

Anthony Gartner 01-26-2009

Andrew Hilscher 03-26-2012

Christopher Achey 04-23-2012

Chad Smith 04-02-2013

Adam Macpherson 07-22-2013

Austin Williams 07-22-2013

Dominic Savio 03-31-2014

Kelly Drake 12-01-2014

Steve Zaroban 12-01-2014

Andrew Dixon 12-01-2014

Kelly McManigal 03-09-2015

Jesse Headid 12-28-2015

Brianna Quandt 02-15-2016

Nickalaus Heidlage 03-13-2017

Seth Howard 03-13-2017

Tatum Dobson 10-23-2017

Kodi Classen 10-30-2017

## **Date of Hire**

### **Reserve Officers**

Ron Giesselmann 09-10-2000

Kent Grisham 03-30-1999

Sam Fischer 03-28-2006

### **Senior Office Associates**

Sheri Mcardle 04-27-1987

Alesia Hajek 06-04-2001

### **Office Associates**

Kathy Boehlke 12-13-2004

Christine Taylor 10-03-2016

### **Property/Evidence Technician**

Laura Luttig 10-10-2016